# **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

#### MD0070239

#### WOODLAWN MOBILE HOME PARK – NEW

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

# Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

#### Source Water Information

SWA = Source Water Assessment

Source Water Name	Type of Water Re	ort Status Location
WOODLAWN 3 CE733840 CE733840	GW Y	NEAR 3 MI NE OF PORT DEPOSIT APPROX. 200 W OF CAMP MEETINGGROUND RD
WOODLAWN 4 CE732988 CE732988	GW Y	NEAR 1 MI E OF PORT DEPOSIT APPROX. 200 FT W OF FIRE TOWER
WOODLAWN 5 CE670286 CE670286 WOODLAWN 6 NOPERMIT	GW Y GW Y_	PORT DEPOSIT APPROX. 350 FT S OF FIRETOWER RD

A source water assessment has been performed by the Maryland Department of the Environment and is accessible on their website at: <a href="https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water-supply/Source-Water-Assessment-Program/Pages/by county.aspx">https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water-supply/Source-Water-Assessment-Program/Pages/by county.aspx</a>

## 2021 Regulated Contaminants Detected

## Lead and Copper

#### Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Lead copper	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead	08/12/2020	0	15	1.2	0	ppb	Lead	Corrosion of Household plumbing systems,
								Erosion of Natural Deposits.
Copper	08/12/2020	1.3	1.3	0.199	0	ppm	Copper	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from
								wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

### Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na: not applicable mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

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Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

**Regulated Contaminants** 

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Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2021	1.4	0.2 - 1.4	MRDLG =	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	03/09/2017	0.028	0.028 - 0.028	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	12/16/20	2.58	2.58-2.58	10	10	Ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS – short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.

Currently, there are no federal regulations (i.e. Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)) for PFAS in drinking water. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Health Advisory Level (HAL) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for the sum of PFOA and PFOS concentrations in drinking water. While not an enforceable regulatory standard, when followed, the EPA HAL does provide drinking water customers, even the most sensitive populations, with a margin of protection from lifetime exposure to PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. Beginning in 2020, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) initiated a PFAS monitoring program. The combined PFOA and PFAS concentration from samples taken from our water system was **8.07 ppt**. MDE anticipates that EPA will establish an MCL for PFOA and PFOS in the near future. This would entail additional monitoring. Additional information about PFAS can be found on the MDE website: <a href="mailto:mde.maryland.gov">mde.maryland.gov</a>

## **Violations Table**

# Lead and Copper Rule

The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	10/01/2020		We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
LEAD CONSUMER NOTICE (LCR)	01/01/2021	08/16/2021	We failed to provide the results of lead tap water monitoring to the consumers at the location water was tested. These were supposed to be provided no later than 30 days after learning the results.

# Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.

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MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR	01/01/2021	12/31/2021	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

Figure 1

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PFAS—Information on the Maryland Department of the Environment's Efforts to Address PFAS in Maryland's Drinking Water Sources

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that include PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. These chemicals are persistent in the environment and the human body, meaning they do not break down easily and can accumulate over time. People may be exposed to PFOS and PFOA from the air, indoor dust, water, food and numerous consumer products. According to Center for Disease Control (CDC) the potential for health effects from PFAS in humans is not well understood. PFOS, PFOA, PFHxS and PFNA have generally been studied more extensively than other PFAS. In general, animal studies have found that animals exposed to PFAS at high levels resulted in changes in the function of the liver, thyroid, pancreas and hormone levels. According to the Agency for Toxic and Disease Registry (ATSDR) some, but not all, studies in humans with PFAS exposure have shown that certain PFAS may:

affect growth, learning, and behavior of infants and older children lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant interfere with the body's natural hormones increase cholesterol levels affect the immune system increase the risk of cancer Scientists are still learning about the health effects of exposures to mixtures of PFAS. Because animals and humans process these chemicals differently, more research is needed to fully understand how PFAS affect human health.

PFAS can now be found in living organisms, including fish, animals and humans, where PFAS can accumulate and persist over time. PFOA and PFOS, two of the most widely studied PFAS, have been detected in the blood serum of up to 99% of samples collected between 1999 and 2012 in a population that is representative for the U.S.

In 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established Health Advisory Levels at 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for two PFAS: Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS). Since then, States and Federal agencies have been working together to address the potential presence of PFAS in the nation's drinking water sources. In February, 2019, EPA published their PFAS Action Plan. EPA has also published a fact sheet summarizing key actions such as moving forward with the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) process, clean up strategies, monitoring, research and enforcement. Congress is presently considering a number of different legislative proposals aimed at addressing the challenges associated with PFAS such as establishing an MCL, funding sources for PFAS contamination assessments and cleanup, and the need for further research.

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) ANALYTICAL RESULTS WOODLAWN MOBILE HOME PARK- New MD0070239

Analyte	Woodlawn 3 CE7338	40 / Woodlawn 5 CE670286 / Woodlawn 6 NP
Total PFOA/PFOS	2.47 / ND /1.21	

An unfinished groundwater sample was collected on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All results are in ppt.